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Dear Best:

This letter is regarding to your Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (CDC/ATSDR) Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request of May 4, 2020, assigned #20-01498-FOIA, for:

- \* Records mentioning, describing or generated in response to CISA Alert AA20-099A, FBI/IC3 Alert I-032020-PSA, or the CDC alert titled "COVID-19-Related Phone Scams and Phishing Attacks"
- \* Records mentioning, describing or generated in response to COVID-19 related phishing attempts, such as those described in the CDC alert, FBI/IC3 Alert I-032020-PSA and CISA Alert AA20-099A
- \* Records mentioning, describing or generated in response to fake CDC emails, such as those described in FBI/IC3 Alert I-032020-PSA
- \* Records mentioning, describing or generated in response to APT groups using the COVID-19 pandemic as part of their cyber operations, such as those described in CISA Alert AA20-099A
- \* Records mentioning, describing, or generated as part of or in response to the assessment that the above activities' "goals and targets are consistent with long-standing priorities such as espionage and "hack-and-leak" operations", as described in CISA Alert AA20-099A

This letter is to notify you that you have not submitted a proper FOIA request because your request is overly broad and lacks the specificity needed to assist the agency retrieve the information with a reasonable amount of effort. To assist the agency, locate the records you are requesting, we need you to provide the following additional information:

- Provide the names, titles and email addresses of the agency personnel who may have the requested information you are seeking
- Provide the names, titles, domain addresses and email addresses of any other persons outside of CDC who may have been the sender or recipient of the requested information you are seeking
- Provide a narrowed date range

At this time, your request has been placed on hold until we receive the information requested.

If you fail to submit a proper FOIA request by **June 4, 2020**, we will close your request.

You may contact our FOIA Public Liaison at 770-488-6277 for any further assistance and to discuss any aspect of your request. Additionally, you may contact the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) at the National Archives and Records Administration to inquire about the FOIA mediation services they offer. The contact information for OGIS is as follows: Office of Government Information Services, National Archives and Records Administration, 8601 Adelphi Road-OGIS, College Park, Maryland 20740-6001, e-mail at [ogis@nara.gov](mailto:ogis@nara.gov); telephone at 202-741-5770; toll free at 1-877-684-6448; or facsimile at 202-741-5769.

Sincerely,



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